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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/04/2008.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 3-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 3-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>08/22/2008</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1 and 3-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Kitano et al. (JP 2004-182344, hereinafter “Kitano”).

In regards to claim 1, Kitano discloses a packing container that is an interlayer that has an islands-in-the-sea structure, where the sea section is a resin component A and the oxygen absorbing component B [0008]. The island portions have an average particle diameter of smaller than 3.5 micrometers [0009]. The average particle diameter (N/M) would not be smaller than 20 (cm^{-1}) [0049].

In regards to claim 3, Kitano discloses that the resin most suitable would be a thermoplastic polyester, such as polyethylene terephthalate [0015].

In regards to claim 5, Kitano disclose that oxygen absorbing functional component comprises a gas barrier resin, an oxidizing organic component and a transition metal catalyst [0021].

In regards to claim 6, Kitano discloses that the gas barrier resin is a polyamide resin such a MXD6, which contains chiefly xylylenediamine. The terminal amino group concentration of not smaller than 40 eq/ 10^6g with a dicarboxylic acid component [0020].

In regards to claims 7-8, Kitano discloses that the oxidizing organic component comprises a polymer derived from a polyene [0022-24].

In regards to claim 9, Kitano discloses that the oxidizing organic component is present in the oxygen absorbing functional component in an amount of 2 to 10% by weight [0027].

In regards to claim 10, Kitano discloses that the transition metal catalyst is present in the oxygen absorbing functional component in an amount of 10 to 1000 ppm [0031].

In regards to claim 11, Kitano discloses that the transition metal catalyst is preferably a cobalt salt of carboxylic acid [0028-29].

In regards to claim 12, Kitano discloses that the oxidizing components are distributed by island shape, thus not in the sea portion [0021].

In regards to claim 13, Kitano disclose that oxygen absorbing functional component comprises a gas barrier resin, an oxidizing organic component and a transition metal catalyst [0021].

In regards to claim 14, Kitano discloses that the gas barrier resin is a polyamide resin such a MXD6, which contains chiefly xylylenediamine. The terminal amino group concentration of not smaller than 40 eq/ 10^6 g with a dicarboxylic acid component [0020].

In regards to claim 15, Kitano discloses that the packaging container has a multi-layer structure with an interlayer that is oxygen absorbing [0043].

In regards to claim 16, Kitano discloses that the oxidizing organic component is present in the oxygen absorbing functional component in an amount of 2 to 10% by weight [0027].

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 3-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
4. Claim 2 has been canceled.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c) with the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) on 08/22/2008 prompted the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 609.04(b). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ELLEN S. WOOD whose telephone number is (571)270-3450. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 730-5 with every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney can be reached on (571)272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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